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Esso Supertankers Set Record Turnaround Here

A significant contribution to Jersey Standard's company-wide cost reduction program was made here last month when the supertanker Esso Montevideo was loaded in six hours and twenty minutes. This is believed to be a loading record for one of the new 26,000-ton tankers, not only here but at any petroleum terminal or refinery anywhere in the world.

Close to the Montevideo's record was the loading of the Esso Stockholm several days earlier, when that vessel loaded in seven hours and forty-five minutes.

The Montevideo's record was set September 21 when a full cargo of 171,840 barrels of fuel oil was loaded in six hours and twenty minutes, at an average rate of 27,140 barrels per hour. The Montevideo's elapsed time at Aruba from arrival to departure was only 12 hours and 20 minutes.

The Stockholm loaded on September 15 at the rate of 21,900 barrels an hour.

(Both records compare extremely well with the loading record here on one of the T-2 type tankers. That record, established on the F.O. Prior, is 108,190 barrels loaded in four hours and thirty-five minutes, or 24,000 barrels an hour.)

Credit for accomplishing loading operations at such a terrific rate is due to the careful planning and coordination by foremen, gaugers, and pumpers in the Receiving and Shipping Department, working in cooperation with ships' crew members responsible for loading operations.

The capacity to receive cargo at such a high rate is dependent not only on the facilities of the ship, but on the ability of the crew members to perform their part of the function quickly and efficiently.

To compete successfully in the world oil market, reduced operating costs and increased efficiency are of prime consideration. This recent achievement of fast turnarounds is an important step in Lago's cost reduction program, since it is in the direction of making the most efficient use of Aruba's dock facilities and of making the most of the new supertankers' increased haulage capacity in the shortest possible time.

Two Scholarship Winners Start Their Training In Pennsylvania School

Lago's two apprentice scholarship winners, Francisco Dijkhoff and Dominico Britten, arrived in Allentown, Pennsylvania late last month and are now enrolled in the Vocational Public High School there.

A year ago I had the opportunity of congratulating Lago employees on the splendid records they had achieved in the 1947-48 contests of the National Safety Council. I am tremendously pleased that today, a year later, I can again commend you for the excellent safety records you have established in the 1948-49 contests.

The Shipyard and the Stevedores-Wharfingers each won first place in their respective divisions, and the refinery won third place in the refinery section. Last year the refinery ranked first among the major refineries entered in the contest. This year, although we dropped to third place, we actually finished with a better accident record than we had last year. So, regardless of our final ranking in this year's contest, we improved on our record of the previous year.

At the same time I wish to extend my congratulations to our affiliate, the Esso Transportation Company, for receiving second place in the tanker division of the contest.

Only through the combined cooperation of all employees were these fine records achieved. Employees and supervisors alike share in the credit brought to Aruba by our outstanding records in the various divisions of the contest.

I would also like to make special mention of the captains and lieutenants of the teams in the Safe Workers' Contest; their untiring efforts to impress upon employees the importance of working safely were an important factor in our receiving this recognition.

Each of us should feel proud of the part we played in bringing these awards to Aruba. We should be grateful for them, not because they are good safety records, but for what they mean to us as individual workers: that we do our daily work in a place where high standards of safety are practiced.

I feel certain that each of us will constantly strive to improve these excellent records, and to maintain our high position among companies with outstanding records for working safely.

J. J. Horgan

"Living in a real world of wonderland has been the experience during the past week of two youths from Aruba,

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National Safety Council Honors Lago With Four Awards Going to Aruba

Lago's high place in safety was maintained with the announcement last month of the winners of the National Safety Council's annual Contest. First place awards in the Contest went to the Shipyard and the Stevedores, with the refinery emerging third among the major refineries entered in the Contest.

Dijkhoff y Britten A Cuminza Nan Estudio na Allentown

Francisco Dijkhoff y Dominico Britten, Lago su dos aprendiznan cu a bai Merca pa un anja di estudio, a yega Allentown, Pennsylvania na fin di luna pasá, y nan a cuminsa bai school aya.

Cartanan reciente di e mucha-hombrenan ta bisa cu nan ta pasando bon y nan ta encantá di nan experiencianan foi dia cu nan a sali foi Aruba. Promé cu nan a sali pa Allentown, nan a sali na New York y nan a subi Empire State Building, e edificio di mas halto di mundo; nan a mira Colombia University, estatua di Libertad, pa menta solamente parti di tur nan experiencianan aya.

Na Allentown e hobennan cu ta "Frank" y "Dom" awor, a bai weita un wega di futbol y nan a keda masha impresioná di e demostracion duná pa banda di e school.

E. F. Welch, di Training Division, kende a compañá e mucha-hombrenan te na Allentown a bolbe Aruba siman pasá. E ta confia cu Britten y Dijkhoff lo probachá es anja di estudio na Merca.

"E hobennan ta dicidido di probecha nan estadía na Merca," Sr. Welch a bisa, "y e hendenan di e school di Allentown, orguyoso di a ser elegí pa duna es muchanan nan entrenamiento, tambe ta desea cu es anja lo ta un berdadero éxito."

Dijkhoff y Britten tabata e aprendiznan sobresaliente di Klas di Graduadonan di e anja aki, y nan ta e proménan cu ta haya es anja di estudio na cuenta di Compania. Nan a bai di Aruba dia 17 di September y lo keda Allentown te na Juni di otro anja.

L. G. Smith Gets New Position

L. G. Smith, former president and general manager of Lago, was recently appointed acting chief administrative officer in charge of Creole's New York office.

Mr. Smith has been active in the petroleum industry since 1913. He was general manager here from 1933 to 1946, and was elected president in 1944. Upon his departure in 1946, he went to the Foreign Refining Department of the Jersey company; in September 1947 he was elected a vice-president of Creole, and in December 1947 a director.

Outstanding among the winners was the Shipyard, which took top honors in the Shipbuilding and Repair Division of the Contest. This marks the first year that Lago's Shipyard has led all others entered in its division.

For the fourth consecutive year, Lago's Stevedores and Wharfingers won first place in the Stevedoring Division.

Although the refinery dropped from first place for last year to third this year, its accident record actually improved. For the 1947-1948 contest its accident frequency rate (number of accidents per million man hours) was 2.68. The 1948-1949 rate of 2.42 represents an improvement over last year's record.

To complete Aruba's outstanding safety record, the Esso Transportation Company took second honors in the Tanker Division (see separate story).

Records in the Contest are based on the accident record from July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949.

Shipyard Wins

This is the first time that Lago's Shipyard has been a serious contender for top honors in the Shipbuilding and Repair Division of the Contest. Its winning rate of 3.14 accidents per million man hours worked considerably bettered the average accident rate of all other entries in its division, which was 16.26.

Lago's Shipyard had a firm hold on first place, with the second-place winner, the Beaumont Yard of the Bethlehem Steel Company, having a rate of 5.90. In third place was the Pusey and Jones Corporation of Wilmington, Delaware, with a frequency rate of 6.08 accidents per million man hours.

Stevedores Head List Again

Lago's Stevedores won first place in the National Safety Council Contest for the fourth consecutive year, and for the fifth time in the past seven years. Their winning rate of 8.57 was far ahead of the second-place winner, the Ohio and Western Pennsylvania Dock

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Lake Fleet Wins Second In Tanker Safety Contest

The Esso Transportation Company Lake Fleet added to its impressive list of safety achievements this month with the announcement that it had won second place in the Tanker Division of the National Safety Council's Contest. In the past seven contests the Lake Fleet won top honors four times, and received second place three times.

The Aruba tankermen had a record of 9.07 accidents per million man hours worked. The average accident frequency rate of all companies entered in the Contest was 16.77.

In first place among the tankers was the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Chicago, Illinois, with a rate of 5.53. Third place winner was the Atlantic Refining Company in Philadelphia, 10.28.

In addition to its high rating in this year's Contest, the Esso Transportation Company ranked first in the contests of 1942-43, 1945-46, 1946-47, and 1947-48. In 1943-44 and 1944-45 it placed second.

The Contest covered the period from July 1, 1948 through June 30, 1949.



Numerous friends and relatives went to Dakota Airport September 17 to see scholarship winners Francisco Dijkhoff and Dominico Britten off for the States. Above, Acting Lt. Gov. H. A. Hessling bids them farewell and emphasizes the responsibilities the boys held as representatives of Aruba and as pioneers in the scholarship program. Looking on are Mr. Britten (center),



Mr. Dijkhoff, B. Teagle, director of Lago's Public Relations Department, J. V. Friel, Industrial Relations Director, and other friends and relatives of the two youngsters.

Arriving in Miami, six hours later, the two scholarship winners are accompanied by E. F. Welch of the Lago Training Division.

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Lunanan Peligroso — Medionan Pa Combati Nan

Tempo di calor ta den su furor, y tur empleado mester ta alerta, pues ta probá cu tempo di calor ta causa empleadonan di ta menos alerta, nan reaccionnan ta menos rápido pasobra nan ta cansa mas liher tanto na curpa como na mente.

Accidentenan ta aumenta ora cu empleadonan, pa via di calor, ta laga di bisti bril, helm, handschoen y otro equipo di Seguridad.

Pa combiná comodidad cu eficiencia y salud durante lunanan di calor, sigui e siguiente reglanan:

Percurá pa bo haya suficiente soño pa dia

Baña cu frecuencia

Bisti paña di material lihé y fresco

Bebe hopi awa fresco, pero no frioe

No come di mas; siendo cu hende ta perde hopi salu foi den su curpa ora nan ta soda, e mester pone salu den su cumincha pa reemplaza loque e ta perde na sodor.

No tuma mucho bebida cu alcohol, pues tin biaha efecto-

nan di alcohol ta keda den bo curpa durante 48 ora.

No laga accidentenan aumenta durante lunanan di calor — tene mas cuidao. Ta na bo mes interes, di tuma tur precaucion pa reduci peligranon di accidente durante lunanan di calor.

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Powerhouse 1 & 2
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Laboratory 3
Lago Police
Esso & Lago Clubs
Dining Hall (2)
Catalytic
M. & C. Office
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Machine Shop
Blacksmith, Boiler & Tin
Pipe
Welding
Colony Commissary
Plant Commissary
Laundry
Colony Service Office
Colony Shops
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Everett Biddle demonstrates how the Hospital's new portable iron lung folds up into a compact unit. Used in the treatment of any condition where continued artificial respiration is required over a long period of time, this iron lung can be operated automatically by electrical power or by manual operation of a hand bellows. One advantage of this portable unit is that it can easily be moved, with a patient inside, into a plane or ambulance for transportation anywhere.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Netherlands West Indies, now residing in Allentown."

That was the news in an Allentown newspaper describing the boys' experiences since leaving Aruba, and it's borne out by recent letters from the youngsters.

The Empire State Building, a Yankee Stadium baseball game between New York and Chicago, the ice show, Columbia University, the Statute of Liberty, a television broadcast, a tour of Rockefeller Center — those were just some of the highlights of their stay in New York before leaving for Allentown.

Upon their arrival in Allentown the boys (now "Frank" and "Dom") to their American classmates) attended their first football game, where they were tremendously impressed with the demonstration of the high school band during half-time.

The two boys, outstanding graduates of this year's apprentice class, are now comfortably settled in their new home and ready for a year's advanced study.

E. F. Welch, of Lago's Training Division, accompanied the boys on their trip to the States and returned to Aruba last week. He is confident that young Britten and Dijkhoff will make the most of their year's study in the U.S.

"The two youngsters are determined to get the most out of their stay in the States," Mr. Welch said. "And the people at the Allentown school, proud that they have been selected to give the boys further training, are equally as eager to make the experience an entirely

Hazardous Months -- And How to Survive Them

"Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."

There may be a lot of truth in that well-known quotation of Mark Twain's, but hot weather is here now and it's to every employee's advantage to do something about it, not just talk about it.

Studies show that hot weather causes employees to let down their personal

guard, that their reactions are slower when they are physically or mentally tired. Accidents also happen when workers become lax during hot months about wearing goggles, helmets, gloves, and other protective equipment.

For greater comfort, efficiency, and health during the hot months, here's what you can do:

Get a sufficient amount of sleep.

Bathe frequently.

Wear light loose porous clothing.

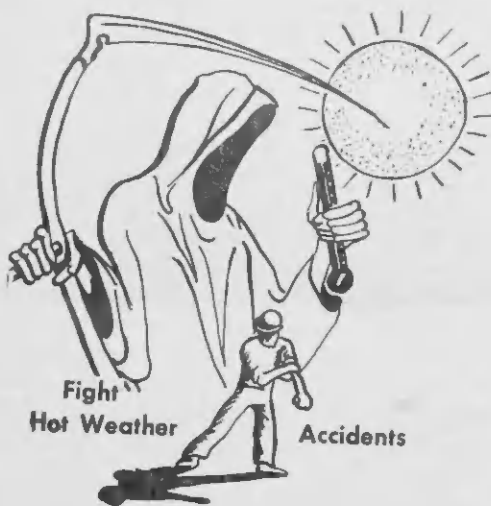
Drink plenty of cool, but not cold, water. Drinking fountains are located throughout the refinery.

Have a sensible diet and don't overeat. Since a person loses salt through perspiration, he should replace it with adequate salt in his food.

Use moderation in drinking alcoholic beverages, since effects of alcohol may remain in your body for as long as 48 hours.

Finally, we might all join in eliminating the pest who asks "Is it hot enough for you?"

Don't let the accident rate rise during the hot months — increase your guard and actually do something about the weather. It will be to your own safety and comfort to take all the precautions possible to reduce the hazards of the hot months.



successful and happy one."

Young Dijkhoff and Britten are the first recipients of the scholarships awarded by the Company to the two top members of the apprentice graduating class. They left Aruba on September 17, and will remain in Allentown until next June.

SAFETY PAYS

about to begin.

Last month, one year later, Father Spekle celebrated the first mass in the completed church, named after St. Filomena. Situated between the Noord church and the Oranjestad church, Santa Filomena crowns a high hill overlooking miles of Aruban farms.

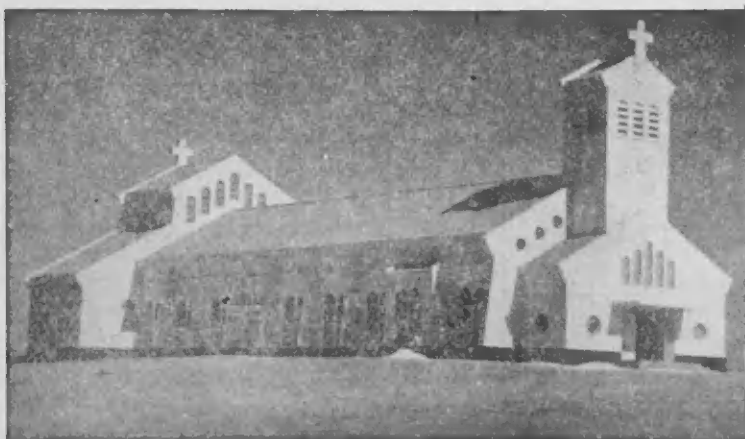
Blessing of the church was given on Thursday, September 8 by His Grace Bishop Zeppenfeldt. This solemnity was witnessed by a huge crowd. Among

those present were Acting Lt. Gov. Hessling, Dr. E. Arends, member of the Government Advisory Committee, representatives of Lago, S. N. Ecury, president of the "Churchbuilding Funds Aruba", and other guests.

Both the exterior and interior of the church were blessed. When this was completed, the Bishop gave a moving sermon. The ceremonies ended with the singing of a song in honor of St. Filomena, composed by Rev. Spekle.

New Church at Paradera Completed Last Month

It was September 1948. Rev. Father Spekle, pastor without a church, carefully and hopefully laid the first stone in the foundation of the proposed sixth parochial church in Aruba. The planning and fund raising had been in progress for a long time; the construction of the new church at Paradera was



The new Catholic Church at Paradera has been recently completed. It has been built on a high hill overlooking many miles of Aruba. The Church was designed in a cathedral style with classic lines, buttressed walls, and clerestory illumination.



Sunlit interior of the new Church at Paradera provides an appearance of simple dignity and beauty. The altar is surmounted by a large crucifix illuminated by large arches and clerestory windows.

NEW ARRIVALS

A son, Mario Reginaldo, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Flanders, September 7.
A son, Neil Roland, to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Guevara, September 7.
A son, Hilbert Francis, to Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert McQuilkin, September 9.
A son, Franklin, to Mr. and Mrs. Urbano Oduber, September 9.
A son, David Melville, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Browne, September 10.
A daughter, Oleander Yonna, to Mr. and Mrs. William Bryson, September 10.
A daughter, Lena Resina, to Mr. and Mrs. Hendrik Oosterhuis, September 10.
A daughter, Jacinta, to Mr. and Mrs. Maximo Geerman, September 11.
A son, Robby Manuel, to Mr. and Mrs. Ammie G. Peterson, September 11.
A daughter, Elvira Cecilia, to Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Giel, September 11.
A daughter, Joyce Kathleen, to Mr. and Mrs. Pieter Teekens, September 12.
A daughter, Lynette Evangeline, to Mr. and Mrs. Elan Bacchus, September 12.
A son, Lawson William, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boyd, September 12.
A daughter, Marianita Catharina, to Mr. and Mrs. Atanacio van der Linden, September 12.
A daughter, Maria Lodowika, to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Wouters, September 13.
A son, Matthew William, to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Farrell, September 13.
A son, Ronald Irvin Gaston, to Mr. and Mrs. George McIntosh, September 14.
A son, Calvin Alphonso, to Mr. and Mrs. Hezekiah Bryson, September 15.
A daughter, Nicomeda Violet, to Mr. and Mrs. Estevan Croes, September 15.
A son, Rosimbo Adolf, to Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Almary, September 16.
A son, Douglas Don Terry, to Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Blackburn, September 16.
A son, Harold Alexander, to Mr. and Mrs. Max Pinas, September 16.
Triplets, a son, Victor Hugo and two daughters, Virginia Josephine, and Victoria Regina, to Mr. and Mrs. James Hanley, September 6.
A son, Reuben Stanley, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Greenaway, September 17.
A son, Julien Nicholas, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Peter, September 17.
A son, Michael David, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Games, September 18.
A son, Edwin Alphaeus, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Howe, September 18.
A son, Mario Roland, to Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Croes, September 18.
A daughter, Bibi Ishaw Zabeeda, to Mr. and Mrs. Abdul Rahim, September 19.
A son, Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Vries, September 19.
A daughter, Merlin Sandra, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pyle, September 19.
A son, Daniel Ernesto, to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bryson, September 19.
A daughter, Sandra Beatrice, to Mr. and Mrs. Arneaud Martin, September 20.
A daughter, Ludwina, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugenio Kock, September 20.
A son, Percival Egbert, to Mr. and Mrs. James Clouden, September 20.
A son, Newby Stanley, to Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Moses, September 20.
A son, Mateo Isidro, to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Geerman, September 21.
A son, Kirmwade Varolli Stephenson, to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kirron, September 21.
A daughter, Catherine Louisa, to Mr. and Mrs. James Morton, September 21.
A daughter, Betty Ruby Elaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garaway, September 22.
A son, Manuel Luis, to Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Zambrano, September 22.
A son, Filomeno, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerardo Croes, September 22.
A son, Cydro, to Mr. and Mrs. George McQueen, September 22.
A daughter, Agnes Angela, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams, September 23.
A daughter, Pauline Mary, to Mr. and Mrs. John Winstanley, September 23.
A son, Lionel Simon, to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gabriel, September 23.
A daughter, Juliette Eudarie, to Mr. and Mrs. Bertin Flanders, September 23.
A daughter, Lauretta Lorraine, to Mr. and Mrs. Fridolin Schultz, September 24.
A daughter, Dolores Alma, to Mr. and Mrs. Broer Boonstra, September 24.
A son, Lucas Dominico Johannes, to Mr. and Mrs. Jan Croes, September 24.
A son, Matthew Jefferson, to Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Noel, September 25.
A daughter, Evelina Maria, to Mr. and Mrs. Lourens Dirksen, September 25.
A daughter, Clara Miriam, to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Yarzagaray, September 25.
A daughter, Dora Ernestine, to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Charles, September 25.
A daughter, Joyce Wilma, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ferrol, September 26.
A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Venancio Croes, September 26.
A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Newton Primus, September 26.
A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Luciano Wever, September 27.



Three Colombian girls frolic below the grim battlements of Fortress San Felipe at Cartagena, famed city of the Spanish Main. The Fortress, one of the most elaborate fortifications in the Spanish New World, was built to protect the city against the forays of pirates, but failed to ward off countless attacks. (Pan American World Airways photo.)



Via a tributary of the Rio Magdalena, produce from the jungles, the plains, and the mountains are brought to the Colombian seaport of Barranquilla. Colombia, a mountainous country, has long depended upon air travel to overcome the lack of ground transportation, and to provide a faster means of travel than the slow river method. (Pan American World Airways photo.)

Colombia -- Variety For Vacationists

Whenever the debate of the seashore versus the mountains crops up in the selection of a vacation spot, the argument can easily be settled by suggesting a trip to Colombia. In that northernmost republic of South America you can enjoy both the tropical climate of a Caribbean seaside resort and the invigorating coolness of the mountains. Thrown in for good measure are breathtaking panoramas and ancient historical landmarks dating back to the days of the old Spanish Main.

Only slightly over an hour and a half by air from Aruba is Barranquilla, Colombia's principal seaport. A busy city of 100,000 people, it is modern in every respect, boasting the best water — and the best automatic phone service — in Colombia.

The principal hotel in Barranquilla is the Hotel Del Prado, which operates on the American plan and serves excellent meals.

A short drive from the heart of Barranquilla is the popular seaside resort of Puerto Colombia. You can hire a car for a visit to this lovely Caribbean beach for three to four pesos an hour, or approximately \$1.75 to \$2.25 in American money at the present rate of exchange.

The business district of Barranquilla is teeming with traffic, with the crooked streets crowded with automobiles, heavily loaded trucks, and busy people. Stores offer everything from leopard skins to Panama hats at reasonable prices.

Bogota

A little over two hours from Barranquilla by air is Bogota, capital of Colombia. Surrounded by a 10,000 foot ring of mountains, the city is built on a plateau 8,700 feet above sea level.

Often referred to as the Athens of the Americas because of its intellectual atmosphere, Bogota and the Bogotanos are in a class by themselves. In sharp contrast to the gay coastal cities of Colombia, the capital presents a drab appearance. Both men and women tend to dress in black or dark gray.

Virtually isolated from the outside world before the advent of commercial aviation, Bogota developed a personality all its own. Since the only means of transportation between the capital and the coast was by boats plying the Magdalena river, Bogotanos did very little traveling and their contact even with other cities within the republic was negligible.

Different from their countrymen even in their speech, the people of Bogota are said to speak the most perfect Spanish in Latin America.

On Bogota's Carrera Septima — or Seventh Avenue — numerous pedestrians

can be seen strolling down the street arm in arm, discussing politics, reciting poetry, or simply gossiping. Someone once said that a pistol shot could not be fired down this street without wounding at least one poet.

The many cafes along Carrera Septima are filled at all hours of the day and night with jabbering men. Over an alarming number of "tintos" (black coffee) or "pericos" (coffee and milk) they hold meetings, transact business or conduct political rallies. It is not uncommon to see a university student sitting in a corner of one of these establishments behind a huge pile of textbooks, studying for an examination.

The British custom of afternoon tea is very popular in Bogota. There are any number of modern tea parlors throughout the city where the smart set gathers each afternoon. For about fifty centavos you are served tea and a variety of fine pastries.

Favorite sport in Bogota is bullfighting, which is held in the city's huge arena every Sunday. Top-notch performers from Spain and Mexico are imported for these spectacles.

One hour from Bogota by air is Medellin, second largest city in Colombia and capital of the highly industrialized Department of Antioquia. Totally different from the Bogotanos in character

and way of life, the people of Medellin, or Antioquenos, are the merchants and businessmen of Colombia.

One of Colombia's biggest attractions is the old coastal city of Cartagena, founded in 1533 by an adventurous Spanish commander. Sometimes called the Walled City, Cartagena is in part surrounded by an ancient rampart built as a defense against pirates of the Colonial era. Sir Francis Drake once occupied the city for 68 days, then made off with a booty of half a million dollars in gold.

Cartagena

Perhaps the best preserved of all the old Spanish cities in Latin America, Cartagena is also a favorite seaside resort. The modern Hotel del Caribe has all the up-to-date facilities found in better United States hotels and is famous for its seafood. Cartagena is only 30 minutes by air from Barranquilla.

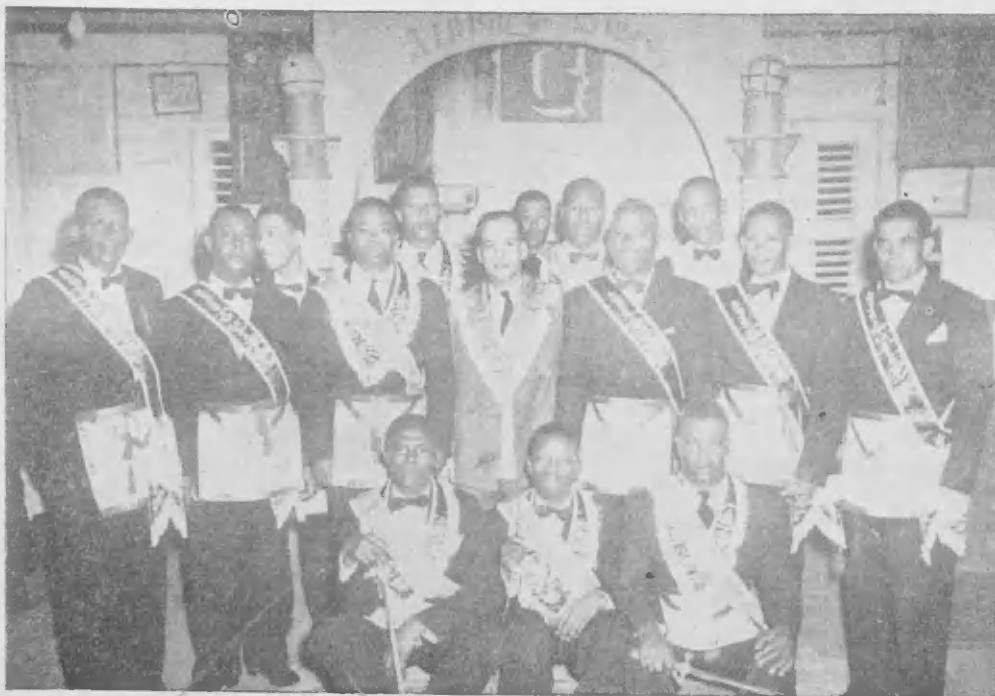
First city of Colombia to declare its complete independence from Spain, Cartagena is a veritable treasure chest of historical lore. Tourists enjoy visiting the old cathedrals, the Palace of the Inquisition, and the ancient vaults that were used as political prisons and torture chambers by Spanish tyrants.

Colombia has only begun to develop

its possibilities as a tourist center. Its variety of vacation attractions, however, are causing it to find increasing favor among tourists who wish to enjoy a South American vacation.



Like a frosted wedding cake is the ornate Cathedral of Barranquilla, Colombia. The Gothic structure has an interior of exotic half-Indian charm with curious frescoes of blue, gold, and rose. (Pan American World Airways photo.)



Mr. C. J. Martel of Trinidad, B.W.I., (center) order Secretary of the Independent Order of Mechanics Friendly Society, meets with Mechanics of Aruba before a banquet held in his honor at The Star of Aruba Lodge, September 24. Mr. Martel arrived here in Aruba from the United States via Panama. His week-long visit implemented conferences held with the parent body in the interest of Societies in the Caribbean.

Technologists Get New Posts

Appointment of E. W. Luster as manager of the Esso Engineering Department of the Standard Oil Development Company, central research affiliate of the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), was announced recently by E. V. Murphree, Development Company president.

Mr. Luster succeeds Dr. N. E. Loomis, who retains his position as vice-president of the Development Company while relinquishing his duties as department manager in order to devote more attention to general policy matters.

C. E. Paulus, formerly associate chief engineer, succeeds Mr. Luster as chief engineer with responsibility for the general supervision of the department.

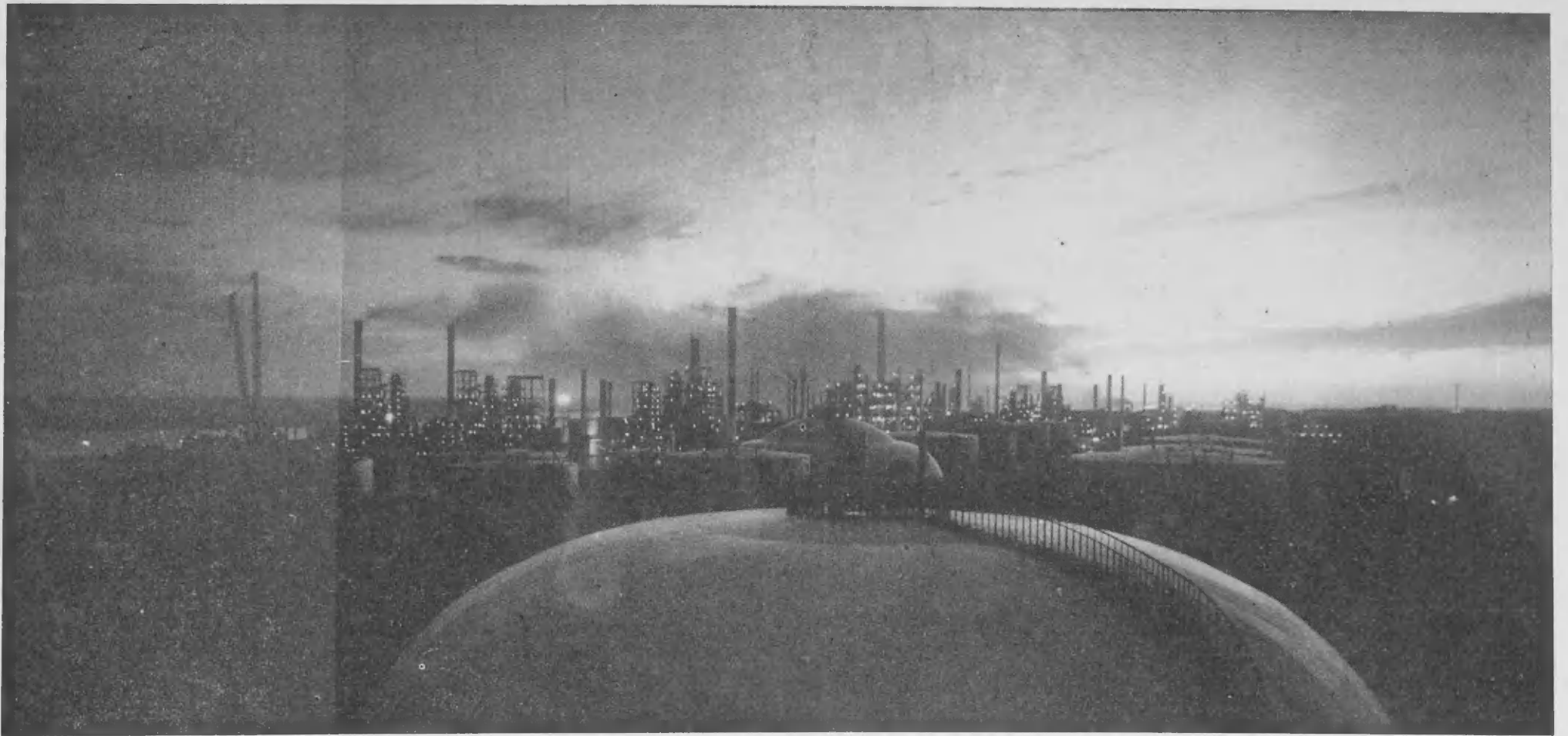
Mr. Luster is a graduate of Rutgers University. He joined Jersey Standard in 1916 and the Development Company in 1928.

Mr. Paulus was graduated from Lehigh University and joined Jersey in 1919; he transferred to the Development Company in 1928.

SCHEDULE OF PAYDAYS

Semi-Monthly Payroll	
September 16—30	Saturday, Oct. 8
October 1—15	Monday, Oct. 24
Monthly Payrolls	
September 1—15	Monday, Oct. 10

COIN YOUR IDEAS



THIS IS LAGO

(Cuminzando cu e número aki, Aruba Esso News lo duna un traducción di contenido di e buki "This Is Lago". E promé parti di e traducción cu ta parce den e número aki, ta cubri "Lago su Puesto den Mundo" y "Na Principio". E siguiente númeroonan di Esso News lo contene "Siguijente Anjanan", "Anjanan di Guerra", "Lago Awendia", "Lago riba Lamar", "Su Hendenan", y "Lago su Plannan pa Futuro".)

Si un empleado di Lago por a biaha hunto cu e barril di gasoline of cualkier otro producto cu el a yuda produci, despues cu e barril a sali for di refinaria, es empleado lo mira lugarnan straño y nobo. Su biaha, cuminzando abordo di un tanker, podiser lo hibe Bayonne, y djei podiser pa New York of Philadelphia, of cualkier otro stad grandi den parti Oost di Merca.

Podiser e biaha lo sigui den auto di cualkier hende, of den un di e mil trucknan cu ta carga provision for di campo hiba stad. Podiser e worde usá na campo tambe, caminda Lago su productonan ta worde usá pa tractornan y otro machiennan cu ta worde usá pa prepará tera pa plantá y pa cosecha.

E empleado por hayé te haste den regionnan di Noordpool, unda Lago su petroleo ta worde usá den vapornan grandi cu ta pisca bayena.

E empleado por hayé riba lamarnan straño; e por sigui e barril te na tera di Norweginan; of te Spaña, of te den un casita na Suiza, unda un lampi di kerosin ta cende cu producto di Lago.

Na teranan di Europa, millones di hende ta depende di Lago su petroleo. Tan es asi, cu si refinaria di Lago mester cerra di repente, e efecto cu esey lo tin riba Europa lo ta mes desastroso cu un otro guerra. Europeonan no tin azeta casi pa nan mes uso; nan mester depende di otro, Lago por ehempel. Sin Lago lo tin menos luz na London y Amsterdam; industrianan na Manchester y na Oslo lo bai atras; winter lo ta mas duro pa henter Europa.

Mundo no por sin petroleo, cu otro palabra, mundo tin mester di Aruba y di Lago.

Na Principio

Na December 1928, ora cu construcion di Lago su refinaria tabata casi completá, Aruba su populacion tabata masha abao. Piscamento, trahamento di sombré y aloe tabata e industrianan principal. Aruba su diez mil hendenan tabata satisfecho cu nan bida sin complicacionnan y cu poco cambio.

Lago mes, apesar di construcion, tabata jioe-chikito e tempo ey, tanto na edad como na tamaño. E tabatin solamente un haaf, un man yen di tanki, poco vapor chikito, y nan tabata trahando riba ocho "topping stills" y ocho

"cracking stills". Establecí riba koraal di Aruba su parti mas p'ariba, dos mil milla for di e lugar di unda e tabata haya awa, cuminda y cos di trabao, y 150 milla di lamar for di e lugar unda e azeta crudo cu mester worde refiná tabata bini, no tabatin ken bisa kico futuro tabatin wardá pa Lago.

Awor, despues di 20 anja, Lago ta maneha tanto vapor, cu su haaf ta contá den esnan di mas grandi di mundo; Lago su empleadonan ta representa mitar di henter populacion di Aruba; Lago ta un di e refinarianan di mas grandi di mundo. Esaki ta storia di Lago, for di dia e promé gotanan di azeta a pasa den stillnan na Januari di anja 1929, te Januari di anja 1949, awor cu un promedio di 400,000 barril ta pasa den stillnan diariamente.

Grupo Ta Bin Inspectá...

Lago a muestra su promé interes den Aruba na 1924, ora cu Captain Rodger y dos socio a worde mandá pa inspecta posibilidadnan di Paraganá, Curaçao y Aruba, pa haya e mihor lugar pa traha.

Na Augustus 1924, despues di a bishita e dos otro lugarnan, nan a bini Aruba. Dos siman nan a studia e problema di cobamento di e kanaal mei-mei di rif. Nan a scoge San Nicolas como e lugar propio y cobamento a cuminza na fin di anja 1925.

Mester a hancha e entrada mei-mei di rif y mester a coba hopi pa e haaf por a sirbi pa vapornan cu mester di 25 pia di awa ora cu nan ta carga. Trabao a cuminza pronto riba loque actualmente ta Main Dock, y ocho tanki di 70,000 barril cada un a worde construí pa azeta crudo.

Mientras tanto, nan a manda dos vapor for di Inglatera pa carga azeta crudo for di Lago di Maracaibo. Un di nan, Francunion a bolbe Europa y a sirbi den guerra. E otro, Inverampton, a pega den entrada di Lago di Maracaibo y a bai perdi na anja 1928. Despues a bini cuater vapor tipo di Inverlago e siguiente anja. E vapornan aki tabata carga azeta crudo na Lago di Maracaibo y tabata descargé den un deposito na Oranjestad y djei, vapornan tabata pasa tuma azeta pa nan biahanan.

Lago su haaf a cuminza su carera oficialmente dia 17 di November 1927.

E buki "This is Lago", ta dedicá na empleadonan — e homber- y muher- nan den refinaria, e hombernan den Lake Fleet — kendenan ta yuda Lago mantenen su puesto den mundo di petroleo.

Promé cu Lago a yega te caminda e ta, tabatin mester di anajanan di estudio, di planeamento, y experiencia. Material y equipo montando na algun cien mil ton — worde descargá riba su wafnan y a forma e conhunto di staal, maderá y concreet. Millones di dollar a worde gastá. Centro di tur esaki ta Lago su empleadonan, kendenan a comberti tur e equipo inerte na un gran empresa industrial.

Dos ocean tanker y cinco laketanker a drenta e dia ey.

San Nicolas, cu su haaf usá pa piscamento y barco di bela cu tabata carga fosfaat, y cu su playa bashi sin'ta pa sumpiña y algun mata, a cambia. Industria y comercio mundial a keda establecí.

Esnan cu tabata traha pa Lago e tempo ey tabata biba den 12 cas di palo cu t'ey ainda. Bida no tabata facil. Segun Captain Rodger, carni fresco, fruta y berdura no tabata cos cu nan tabata haya mira; tur cuminda tabata di bleki, pero di bez en cuando e vapornan tabata trece algo bon for di Venezuela. IJs tabata bin for di Curaçao den barril. Cuminda di casi tur dia tabata galiña, cu tabata costa 40 cents of un jotin e tempo ey; webo tabata costa un of dos cent.

Anja 1928 a trece cambio mas extendí y mas permanente pa Aruba. Na Juli di 1927, nan a iniciá plannan pa lamta un refinaria den cercanía di Maracaibo pa refiná e azeta crudo di Maracaibo.

Un grupo di inspeccion, incluyendo Paul H. Harwood, Thomas S. Cooke, Lloyd G. Smith, y Donald J. Smith, a bishita Maracaibo y Aruba na Augustus 1927.

(Durante anjanan cu a sigui tur e personanan mencioná aki riba a dedicá hopi di nan tempo na Lago. Sr. Harwood a bira hefe di asuntonan di Marina; Sr. Cook den refinamiento. Sr. D. J. Smith a dirigi construcion na Aruba, y L. G. Smith tabata Lago su gerente general di 1933 te 1946.)

Atrobe Aruba a worde scogí. For di un toren di awa den cercanía di haaf e hombernan aki a mira e lugar chikito unda vapornan tabata tuma azeta, cu algun tanki, algun casita y nada mas. Pero den nan mente nan a mira caredanan di still, y cantidad di tanki, pipa, warehouse, shop, hospitaal, y casnan. Di buelta pa New York, detayenan mayor di construcion di e planta a worde dicidi.

San Nicolas a sigui sirbi como deposito pa azeta crudo pa entrega na vapornan pa nan biaha, cargando cuater of cinco vapor pa siman te na fin di anja 1928.

Captain Rodger, probablemente e homber di mas conocí riba Aruba durante mas di 15 anja, a bai biba den un cas di cinco pieza, construi riba e lugar unda ta parkeerplaats dilanti di M. & C. Office awor. Despues e edificio aki a sirbi como Executive Office.



Un portret di Lago, saká tempo cu Lago a cuminza cu loque despues a bira di importancia mundial. No. 1 ta muestra caminda grandi di refinaria, No. 2 ta muestra e sitio di Cracking Plant, y No. 3 ta sitio di Laboratorio No. 3, Main Office etc.

Aprobacion pa e refinaria a yega na Februari di 1928, y e promé trahador nan a yega dia 24 di Februari, pa traha lugar di biba pa esnan cu tabata bai bini pa cuminsa cu construcion.

Donald J. Smith a recordá dilacion, equipo inadecuado, scarsedad di trahador, y di cas; dificultad pa haya suficiente cuminda y awa, y monton di otro complicacionnan cu ta parti di un construcion asina, dos millon milla for di e lugar di unda tur cos tabata worde importá.

E ta recorda cu tur forza y tempo a worde dedicá pa caba cu e powerhouse y "topping stills". Powerhouse a cuminsa traha na December di anja 1928, y 29 di Januari, 1929 ta fecha riba cual e stillnan a cuminsa traha.

Nan ta conta....

Mas di cien homber cu tabata traha pa Lago tempo cu e promé barril a worde produci, ainda ta na Lago, awor cu e ta na caminda pa alcanza su di dos billon barril. For di loque es empleadonan aki ta conta, nos por saka afor com nan tabata biba y traha es tempo, y nos por nota tambe e gran cambionan cu a tuma lugar na Lago y na Aruba durante anjanan cu a pasa.

Jose Oduber di Oil Accounting, kende a cuminsa traha na September, 1925, ta corda tempo cu Lago su oficina tabata na Oranjestad. Ora cu el a acepta job di cable clerk, pagador, y general office man, Lago su payroll tabata consisti di siete homber y un muher cu tabata bari y limpia e edificio, cu awor ta cas y shap di Casey Eman. Jossy ta conta cu tin biaha henter oficina ta cera treimerdia y nan tur tabata bai landa. De lo contrario tin biaha cu tur ta keda traha henter anochi of henter Dia-domingo ora cu un vapor tabata para cla pa sali. E record di cargamento di e vapornan ta manera ta sigui: seis vapor na 1924, 57 na 1925, 80 na 1926 y 148 di Januari te November di 1927, ora cu e oficina a pasa pa San Nicolas.

Ralph Watson di Receiving & Shipping a biba na "White House" na anja 1925. E mes, un asistente, y algun yudador a sonda lamar p'aden di rif, a roza cadushi, y a instalá un pipa di awa conecté cu Mangel Cora, un poz bieuw p'ariba di faro. Porfin no tabatin nada mas di haci y nan a pasa algun luna piscando, tur es tem cu nan tabata warda yegada di e draga.

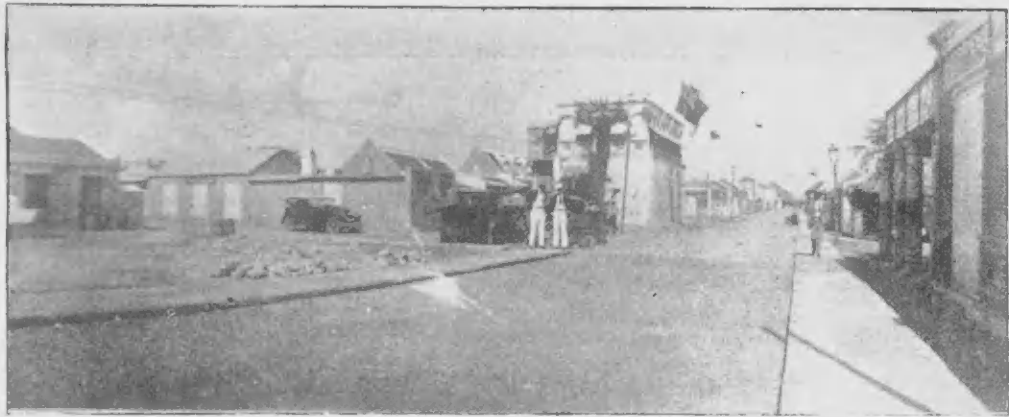
Pedro de Windt di Receiving & Shipping ta recordá cu un di su promé jobnan tabata di gries un careda di mulina di awa banda di faro, pa medio di cual tabata haya awa pa laba y tin biaha pa bebe.

Fred Penney, di Marine Department, a bini na Juni 1927, pa instalá boiler y machinenan. E ta recorda com popular el a bira, dia cu el a inventá un moda pa produci binti blokki di ijs pa dia enbez di tres. (Actualmente planta di ijs ta produci cuater cien blokki pa dia.)

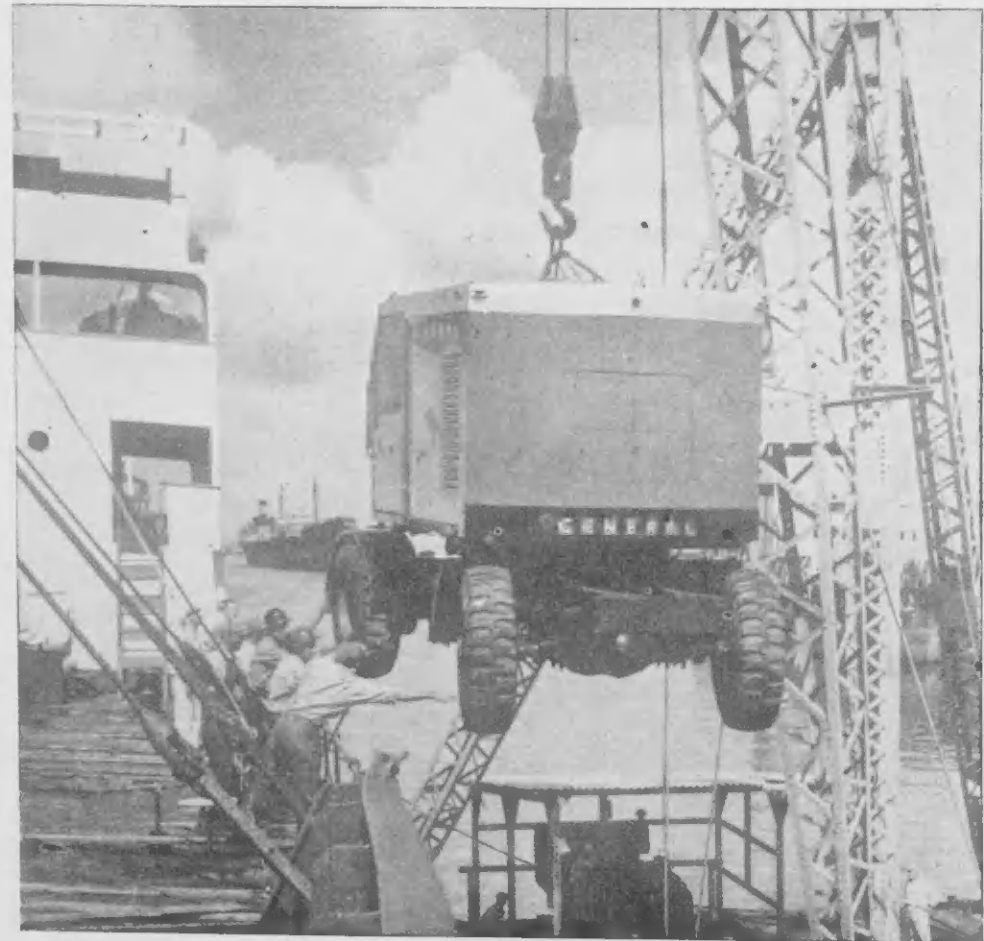
Henry Fuijooah di Lower Yard Electric Shop, a sali foi Surinam bai Curaçao pe busca un trabao y a bini Aruba ora el a tende di e refinaria nobo. Na principio el a biba den un cas cu dak di torta, cu tabatin na e lugar unda Duana ta awor. E y su compañeronan tabata drumi ey den riba kot, pero ora cu awa cuminsa yobe nan tabata drumi bao di e kot pa sconde awa. E di cu e promé electric shop tabata den un hokki di telefoon, y cu e promé powerhouse tabata tin solamente tres generator di 1 Kilowat.

Captain William Craig, kende a bini di Inglatera na 1925 abordo di Invercaibo ta recorda e dianan pacífico, sin ningun sorto di pura, promé cu refinaria a worde estableci. Hopi bez e vapornan tabata warda un siman pa nan turno yega pa carga azeta na Maracaibo. No tabatin luz riba cual nan por a nabega pa drenta e kanaal smal mei-mei di rif, y si nan acerca ora tabata birando secur, nan mester a ankra p'afor pa nan warda di dia habri pa nan cruza.

(E ta sigui)



Durante Lago su 20 anja di existencia no ta Lago so a cambia, pero henter Aruba hunto cuné. Ta difícil pa reconece Nassaustraat di awendia den es portret di Nassaustraat di antes, cu cayanan sin asphalt y sin acera, y sin careda di auto.



Material y equipo pa uso den refinaria, cu a worde descargá riba wafnan di San Nicolas ta monta na algun cien mil ton y dollarnan cu a worde gastá ta monta na algun millon. Di mas balar cu tur e material y equipo costoso, ta Lago su empleadonan.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

20
YEAR
BUTTONS



Left to right: William Arrindell, Pipe Department; Gilbert Brook, Police Department; Rafael Ching, Stewards Department.



John Hagerman, Hydro Poly Department; Emilio Halman, Cracking Department; Joseph Irausquin, Marine Wharves; Darrell Jackson, Light Oils Finishing Department.



Carl Kester, Pressure Stills Department; Ramon Kock, Dry Dock Department; Guilberto Maduro, Paint Department; Isidor Maduro, Marine Wharves.



James Rosborough, Light Oils Finishing Department; George Sandiford, Dry Dock Department; Wilton Wilson, Instrument Department; A. Zandwijken, Marine Department.

SAFETY

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Company, which had an accident rate of 20.24 accidents per million man hours. In third place was the Union Dock Company with a rate of 25.08. The average rate for groups in this division was 35.52.

Lago's Stevedores won first place in the contests of 1942-43, 1945-46, 1946-47, and 1947-48. In 1943-44 and 1944-45 they won second place.

Refinery Improves

The refinery's third-place rate of 2.42 is an improvement over its 2.68 record of last year when it won first honors in its division. The average accident rate among the major refineries was 5.09 accidents per million man hours worked. In first place was the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company of New York with a 2.03 rating; in second was the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Chicago, 2.20.

Other ratings in the refinery division: 4 — Shell Oil Company, New York, 2.81; 5 — Continental Oil Company, Ponca City, Oklahoma, 2.89; 6 — Esso Standard's Baton Rouge refinery, 3.03; 7 — Humble Oil and Refining Company, Baytown, Texas, 3.22; 8 — Magnolia Petroleum Company, Dallas, Texas, 3.86; 9 — Atlantic Refining Company, Philadelphia, 4.12; 10 — Cities Service, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 4.59; 11 — Pan American Petroleum and Transport

10-Year Buttons

Martilio Vrolijk	Yard
Moises Bienvenu	Executive
Orlo Thomas	Executive
Pedro Maduro	Electrical
Elotheus Violenes	Powerhouse
Frans Breusers	Cracking
Charles Campbell	Rec. & Shipp.
Joseph Persaud	T.S.D.
Russell Ewing	T.S.D.
Leo King	T.S.D.
Albert Ayer	Accounting
Henry Lancaster	Personnel
Mavis Cochrane	Medical
Frank Gladman	Mason & Insul.
Ramon Arrow	Powerhouse
Lenzo Moyer	Gas Plant
Eduardo Schotborg	Dry Dock
John Pakozdi	Carpenter

DEATHS

Juan Croes, blacksmith A at the Dry Dock, died September 17 at the age of 58. He had been a Lago employee for over 15 years.

Mr. Croes is survived by his wife.

Company, New York, 4.87; 12 — Sinclair Refining Company, New York, 5.42; 13 — Mid-Continent Petroleum Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 10.38; 14 — Trinidad Leaseholds, Trinidad, 10.86; 15 — Tide Water Associated Oil Company, New York, 12.67; 16 — Texas Company, Delaware, 12.69.

NEWS and VIEWS

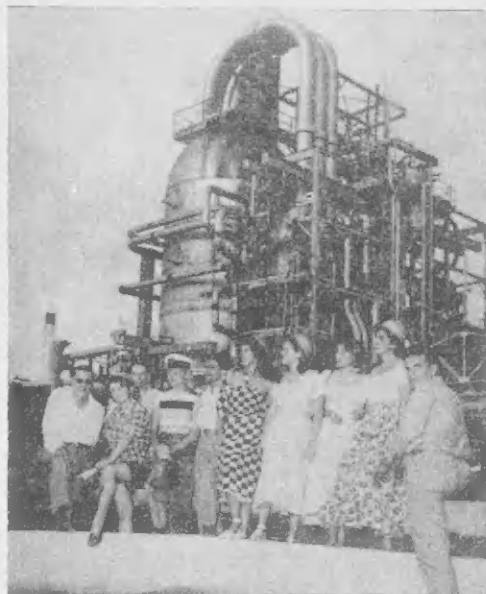
R. van Hoorn, right, treasurer of the Aruba Committee for the Victims of Ecuador, checks ticket sales during the benefit dance given at the Eagle Tennis Courts, September 9.



Proceeds of the Eagle Club's open-air dance and party went to the victims of the recent Ecuador earthquake. Here the hundreds who attended view the midnight floor show which presented vocal numbers, rhumba and congo dancing, tap dancing, and comedy presentations. Dance music was furnished by Speen's Orchestra and the Casino del Caribe.



The St. Theresa group of Brownies celebrated their first anniversary last month with a concert, followed by the enrollment of eight girls into the organization. The group is seen above with its leaders, Sheila Martes (back left) and Fanny Webster (back right). Many of the girls are daughters of Lago employees. (Photo by Sam Rajroop.)



Members of the Conjunto Amigos del Folklore, Venezuelan cultural group who appeared in Aruba last month in connection with the Ecuador relief drive, are seen above as they toured the refinery. At left, near No. 10 Crude Still, girls from the group are seen with Lagoites Julio Boom, Albert Richardson, Fernando da Silva, and E. Campbell. At right Mr. Campbell points out a feature of one of the units. Visit of the group here was another step in strengthening the ties of friendship between Venezuela and Aruba.



Vic Schultz became one of the most popular residents in the Lago Colony, among the small fry at least, when he built this swimming pool in his back yard. It's become one of the leading meeting places for the kids in the neighborhood. Shown above enjoying the cooling water are from left to right, Elspeth Laurenson, Julie Orr, Vickie Schultz, Myrna Harris, and Laura Lee Schultz.

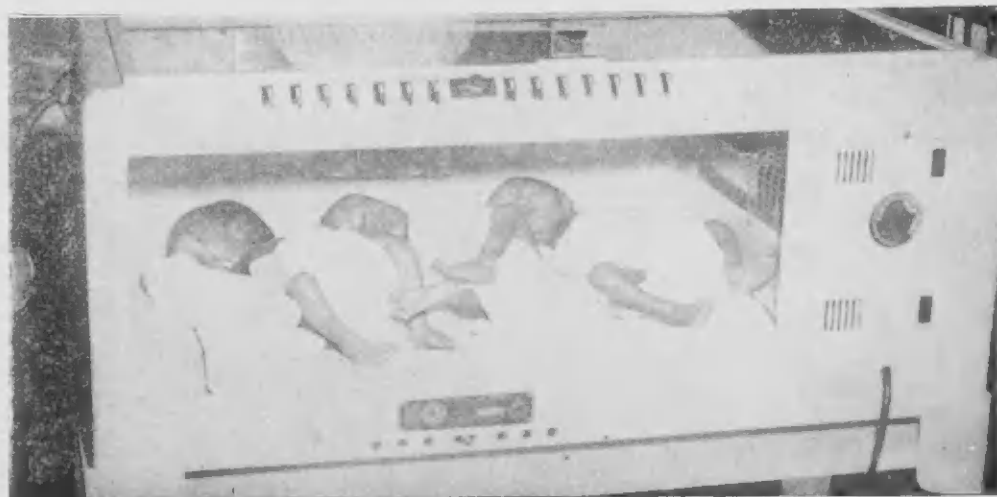
Friends and associates of John F. Breen (third from left in front) gathered at the Gas Plant last month to present him a gift before he left for retirement. A retirement luncheon also commemorated his retirement after many years Jersey service. Mr. Breen went to work for the Standard Oil Company of Indiana at Casper, Wyoming in October 1927. In September 1929 he came to Lago. At the time of his retirement he was an operator in the Gas Plant.



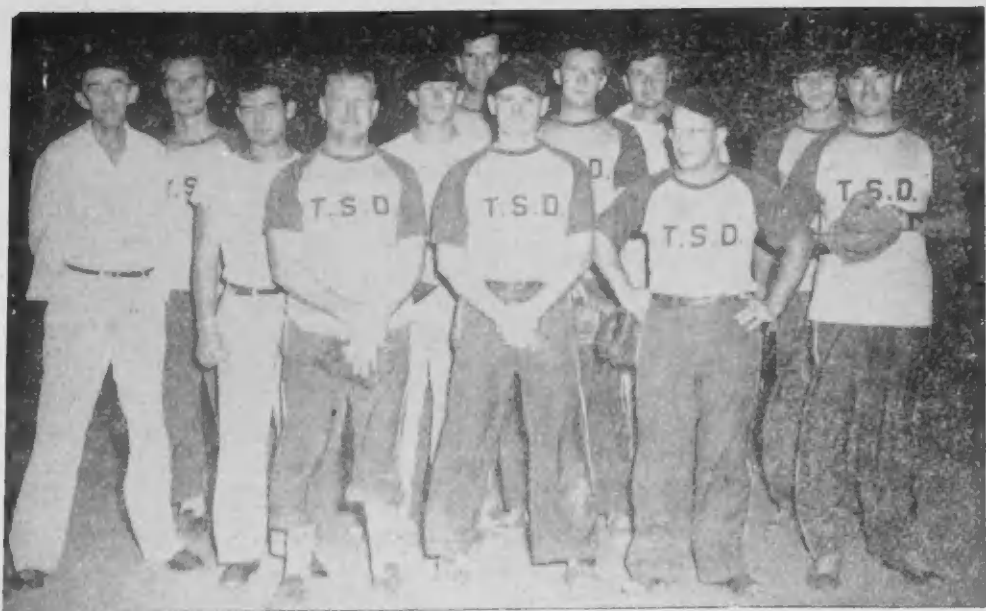
Employees from the Netherlands Harbor Works, gather at the dock for their picture. (Photo by Sam Rajroop.)



Members of the Vienna Choir Boys, world-famed musical group that appeared at the De Veer Theater last month, are seen above upon their arrival at Dakota Airport. Their concert here was sponsored by the Aruba Art Circle. (Photo by Sam Rajroop.)



September 16 arrivals at the Lago Hospital were the triplets shown resting peacefully above. The two girls and a boy are the children of Mr. and Mrs. James Hanley of San Nicolas; Mr. Hanley works in the Mason and Insulators Department. Their names are Victoria, Virginia, and Victor.



By defeating the M & C team in the third and final game of the playoffs, the TSD softball team took championship honors in the 1949 Lago Colony league. Members of the championship club, from left to right, are Manager Bill Tucker, Stan Stephenson (selected as the league's most valuable player), Paul Puerner, Ferdie Frey, Harry Shoemaker, Jim Eller, Al Kossuth (captain), Dick Busacker, Don Kurtz, Weir Bristow, Harold Richardson, and Frank Calvaruso.



One of the unusual sights Mr. and Mrs. Hendrik Patist saw on their recent vacation to Holland was the gentleman in the center, said to be the tallest man in Europe. Dwarfing Mr. and Mrs. Patist, he stands eight feet three inches tall. Only 27 years old, he weighs 390 pounds. The picture above was snapped in Utrecht, Holland.

To Get Educational Refunds, Obtain Company Approval First

There have recently been an increased number of applications for Educational Refunds which cannot qualify because courses are being taken in non-accredited institutions, or because subjects are not closely enough related to the type of work the employee is doing.

Employees are reminded that they must first submit an application for approval to the Training Division before they enroll in a particular course and become eligible for an educational refund.

On any matter relating to the Educational Refund Plan, employees are requested to get in touch with the Training Division, telephone number 773.



A no-hit pitching job was turned in last month by Tenchi Hoftijzer, star pitcher of the Dodgers, when his club blanked Caribe 11-0. Manager Hoftijzer's outstanding hurling was an important factor in the Dodgers' taking the Lago Heights softball crown this season.



First Aid Program to Start For Lago Police Personnel

A program of first aid instruction has been set up for members of the Lago Police Department and is due to get underway soon. Purpose of the program is to teach patrolmen and ambulance drivers the fundamentals of first aid, so that they will be qualified to give necessary treatment until medical personnel arrive at the scene of an accident.

Among the subjects to be included in the course will be the administration of artificial respiration, how to determine the extent of injuries, how to make the patient comfortable until medical personnel arrive, how to properly transport injured persons, how to treat burns, shock, fractures, severely bleeding injuries, and similar matters pertaining to first aid treatment.

Rae Brown, of the Safety Division, will be in charge of the program and will be assisted by trained personnel from the Lago Police Department.

MCC Holds First Annual Ball

The Marine Cricket Club held its first ball last month, at which awards were presented to the outstanding cricketers of the group.

Cups were presented by Marine Manager J. Andreae to Peter Storey, for the

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Friends at the Esso Heights Dining Hall met last month to present a wedding gift to Cuthbert James, who was married at St. Theresa's Church September 28 to Agatha Alexis. M. J. Saunders (right) presents the gift, on behalf of the group.



On behalf of Training Division and CYI personnel, Jessie Gonzales presents a farewell present to Benson Douglas, who left Lago after six years to go to Canada. He was an instructor in the Training Division.



The Chesterfield football team (above) divided a series with two Curaçao teams on a recent trip over there. Chesterfield beat Estudiantes, 6-5, and lost to Nesta, 2-0. Members of the club are, front row left to right, J. Maduro, F. Bikker, C. Maduro, M. Tromp, A. Maduro, and J. Kock. In back row are F. R. Maduro, C. Krozendijk, A. Camacho, W. Maduro, I. Kock, Cornelis Maduro, J. Krozendijk, and R. Picuc.



Mr. and Mrs. David Fung are seen at the Surinam Club shortly after their wedding September 14. Grouped around them are friends who attended the reception. In the inset, the bride and groom prepare to cut the wedding cake. Mr. Fung works in the Accounting Department.

Softball Presentation Ends Lago Heights Night Season

The 19-week long Lago Heights softball season was to draw to a close Saturday night, October 1, with a special presentation match highlighting

the awarding of prizes to the top teams and players.

The Dodgers were to play Caribe in the evening's presentation match, with awarding of prizes set to follow the game.



Hendrik Croes, right, who is going to Curaçao to work there, is presented a farewell gift by his fellow employees in the Instrument Department. Mr. Croes is one of the youngest apprentices to complete 10 years service with Lago.



Members of the Instrument Department get together for the presentation of a farewell gift to Wijntuin Christiaan, left, who is leaving for the States to study electronics. The gift was presented by Frank Greforio, right.

Monthly Crude Runs Hit All-Time High; Greater Output Calls for Top Efficiency

Lago made its bid for supremacy in the world-wide petroleum market last month with a record 410,000 barrels of crude being run through the refinery daily. This figure topped the previous high crude run of 393,000 barrels a day established in February 1948.

To meet the fluctuating seasonal demands for fuel oil, it is expected that Lago's crude runs will go even higher this month, with daily runs of 425,000 barrels planned for October.

This represents a tremendous increase over previous runs which have dropped as low as 315,000 barrels daily.

Present record runs are proof of Lago's flexibility in increasing production from 374,000 to 410,000 barrels almost overnight so as to take the utmost advantage of the fluctuating world demands for petroleum products. Additional evidence of that flexibility is the 110,000 barrel a day increase in six months; this is quite a significant increase considering that, among all the world's refineries, there are less than twenty having a total crude capacity of more than 110,000 barrels a day.

Briefly, the increased world demand for fuel oil and Lago's record runs mean this as far as employees here are concerned: increased competition from Middle East oil makes it more necessary than ever that Lago produce at the lowest possible costs consistent with safety and good operating practices. Otherwise, we will be unable to compete as favorably in the world oil market. Our costs must be lower than our competitors or we lose the business; high runs at the lowest possible operating costs and under the most efficient conditions mean greater stability of employment at good wages. Idle employees, wasteful use of materials, failure to take full advantage of proper operating procedures — in short, inefficiencies in both the use of manpower and materials — mean that Lago cannot compete successfully in the world's oil markets.

Problems to be faced and solved in maintaining this record run include getting the oil in and out of the harbor in the shortest possible time, and in keeping refinery units operating at a top level of efficiency. Most of all, keeping up this record run and successfully competing against other oil companies depends on all Lago employees. They are a key factor in making Lago flexible enough to increase runs and take immediate advantage of spot peak petroleum demands. To them belongs the main responsibility for keeping costs down and for producing record quantities of petroleum products in the most efficient and inexpensive way.

Limerick Contest Winners

First prize winner of Fls. 5 in the Safety Limerick Contest is Mario Yazaray of the Training Division. His winning entry is:

Bill was running an overhead crane,
but dreamed it was a real airplane.
In the middle of his dream
he dropped the beam
And now to his fellow-worker's wife he
has to explain.

Second prize winner is D. V. Panday, Marine Department. He wins Fls. 3 with his ending: "Bursting to bits an oil pipe main".

Third prize, Fls. 2, is won by Everett Morris, M & C, who entered: "On a fellow-worker who's now in pain".

Next month's contest will be this limerick:

Pete didn't wear his safety hat
and stood under the derrick to chat.
This is Pete's fate:
They shouted too late

All you have to do is finish this limerick. Make your last line rhyme with "hat" and send it in to the Aruba Esso News with your name, payroll number, and department. Remember to get it in by Tuesday, October 18.

FOR SALE

1 Small Radio Fls. 45
1 radio-pickup combined, plays 10 records, Fls. 110 Box 40

Frank S. Campbell Retires; Was Asst. General Manager Here

Frank S. Campbell, formerly assistant general manager here, retired in New York recently after 27 years service with the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey). At the time of his retirement he was personnel advisor for the Refining Coordination Department in New York.

Mr. Campbell started his company service in 1922 as a research chemist with the Standard Oil Company of Indiana in Casper, Wyoming. In 1928 he came to Lago as chief chemist. In 1929 he became assistant general superintendent of the refinery here, and in 1935 general superintendent. He became Lago's assistant general manager in 1942.

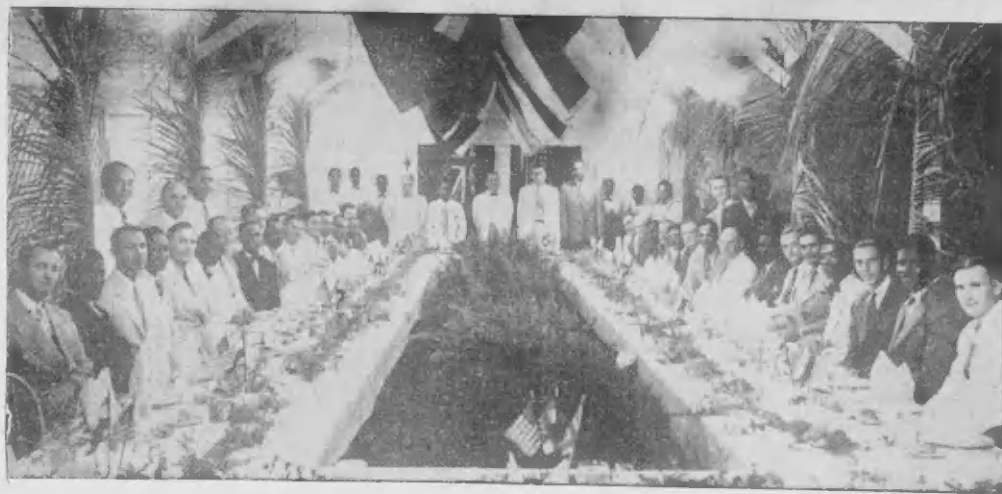
Mr. Campbell went to Jersey's Refining Coordination Department in New York in 1944. His home is in Rockport, Texas.

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best batting average, to Captain T. E. Welch for the best bowling average, and to F. Cumbers, the best all 'round cricketer.

L. C. Nelson received a special award for being the noisiest spectator and the most persistent fan.

Mr. Andreae, president of the Club, congratulated the members on the progress they had made in building up the organization, and Capt. J. R. Hughes, MCC chairman, gave a brief history of the group. W. S. Holness acted as master of ceremonies during the intermission program.



Members of the Committees attending the banquet included 23 representatives of the Lake Fleet and Marine Management.

Activities Building Opens



R. Vint, manager of Clubs, cuts the ribbon across the doorway of the Lago Heights Activities Building to officially open the new structure. Standing behind Mr. Vint is Kelly Tong, member of the Lago Heights Advisory Committee. The building, adjacent to the Lago Club, will be used as a meeting place for various committees, for lectures, and for similar activities.

Fleet Committee Holds 2nd Anniversary Banquet

"This banquet celebrating the second anniversary of the formation of the Lake Tankermen's Committee, bringing together socially the representatives of the Fleet and Marine Management, is very symbolic of the work the Committee has been doing throughout the year."

Marine Manager J. Andreae, addressing 23 members of the Lake Tankermen's Committee which celebrated its second anniversary on September 22, pointed out the importance of friendly cooperation in doing the job. "The maintenance of the present high level of employee relations depends entirely on two-way cooperation between the



Climax of the banquet came when J. Andreae, left, and D. L. Van Putten, right, cut the huge cake.

Medical Department Approved by College of Surgeons



Lago's Medical Department recently gained the approval of the American College of Surgeons, top U. S. accrediting body for setting up and maintaining high standards in hospitals. The certificate awarded the Medical Department is seen above, and contains the requirements with which a hospital must comply in order to gain A.C.S. approval. Now that it is on the approved list, the Hospital will be inspected regularly to see that its high standards are maintained.

Fleet and Management," he continued.

The banquet was held at the Esso Heights Club and celebrated two years of amicable relations with the unlicensed men of the Lake Fleet. Attending were 27 representatives of Marine Management. Various toasts and speeches were given by representatives of the Fleet. Spectacular climax of the banquet was the cutting of the magnificent cake prepared by cooks of the Stewards Department of the Lake Fleet. The cake, three tiers high, was decorated and donated by the Stewards Department, and is one of the most elaborate ever prepared in Aruba.

Leading representative of the Fleet was D. L. Van Putten; Chairman of the Banquet arrangements was Captain W. E. Porter.

Obispo A Bendicioná Misa Nobo di Paradera

Na September di anja 1948, Reverendo Pastoor Spekle a pone promé piedra di Misa di Paradera, y un anja despues, dia 9 di luna pasá, Pastoor Spekle a haci e promé sacrificio di misa den su misa nobo.

E Misa cu ta carga number di Santa Filomena y cu ta di seis parokia di Aruba, a worde bendicioná solemnemente dia 8 di September pa su Excelencia, Monseigneur Zeppenfeldt. Un gran multitud di hende tabata presente na e acto.

E Misa a worde bendicioná p'afor y p'aden, y despues di esey Monseigneur a tene un predicashi, cu a haci masha impresion riba esnan presente. Cu un cantica na honor di Santa Filomena cu Pastoor Spekle mes a traha, e solemni-dad bunita a terminá.